

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2016

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Gerald Adelmeyer, Ed Nelson, Annette Thompson and Darrell Pollesch.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Educator and Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Agent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Friday, January 8, 2016 and Thursday, January 14, 2016 meetings. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:
None.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for December 2015 and January 2016.
- b. Discussion and update on open positions:
 1. Dairy & Livestock Agent – (Amanda Young) started Feb. 1, 2016
 2. Carroll reported that the WNEP position has been filled. The individual will be housed in Columbia County with an estimated start date of April 1, 2016. She will then be able to hire a Nutrition Educator and that individual will be housed in Dodge County office.
 3. Witzel reported that the Crops and Soils final interviews with two individuals are tomorrow – Feb. 17, 2016 in Fond du Lac.
- c. Consideration and discuss changing name of BU 6871 Fish and Game to County Conservation Aids Program:
 1. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to change name of BU 6871 Fish and Game to County Conservation Aids Program. Motion carried.
- d. Consideration and discuss changing name of BU 6813 Friends Helping Friends to Mentoring Program:
 1. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Pollesch to change name of BU 6813 Friends Helping Friends to Mentoring Program. Motion carried.

- e. Consideration and discuss changing name of BU 6864 Multi-Cultural to Organizational Education:
 - 1. Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Adelmeyer to change name of BU 6864 Multi-Cultural to Organizational Education. Motion carried.
- f. Discussion and consideration of Marie Witzel chaperoning youth to the Leadership Washington Focus conference in Washington D.C. (No county dollars needed).
 - 1. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to allow Witzel to chaperone youth to the Leadership Washington Focus conference on July 10-15, 2016. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion, consideration and possibly take action concerning UW-Extension restructuring:

Hoffman asked the committee members if they had concerns or comments on the current re-structuring of UW-Extension. He also asked if they wish to communicate any comments or concerns to Chancellor Sandeen.

The Committee said that they are disappointed that there have not been many details shared with the counties. Hoffman shared that he is on the re-structure "Steering Committee". A timeline for the changes is possibly 8 to 12 months out.

The Committee reviewed a letter offered by the LaCrosse County Administrator – handouts given to all member for discussion on LaCrosse County opposing the plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen released on Feb. 10, 2016. LaCrosse County wants to be an "urban single county" as well as wanting all the counties in the state to follow suit explaining it can be done with an 8.2% cut with tax levy dollars; not all counties will be able to do that. LaCrosse County intends in developing a resolution including the above points. The LaCrosse County Administrator is asking all counties to write their own resolution opposing the re-structure of UW-Extension.

The Committee does not feel they have enough information at this time to ask Dodge County to write a resolution opposing the re-structure of UW-Extension.

March 7, 2016 the Chancellor will be attending the Extension Committee mtg in Columbia County; Behl, Maly, Kottke along with educators from Dodge County will be attending this meeting.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman reported that the Farm Succession workshops held in Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Jefferson counties were well attended. He shared that his upcoming grant writers workshop is full and has a waiting list of more than 20. Hoffman also indicated that he had been selected to be on the UW-Extension re-structuring Steering Committee.

Witzel: Witzel reported on the Archery program which started in January. It is again very large and the groups are divided into 3 sections to get all of the youth a chance to shoot. There were meetings held with a couple of service groups, Farm City Day with Farm Bureau and the Dodge County Fair officers to talk about transitioning roles with their groups to take more ownership of programs. The Music and Drama Festival was held with an increased number of participations. Thanks to Dodge County schools for that partnership, and congratulations to Lebanon Luckies for being selected to perform at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she taught a portion of the farm succession workshop and a child abuse and neglect mandated reporter training in January. She also reported that she is planning professional development training for childcare providers in Dodge and greater Dodge County. Carroll reported that the Dodge County Coalition for Financial Education, of which Carroll is the coalition leader is offering a series of train the trainer workshops for paraprofessionals working with people who live with limited resources.

Borden: reported that 37 youth have successfully completed the classroom portion of the Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification Program and await the practical driving portion at the end of April. Borden also shared information regarding the annual sausage making class which was held on February 3rd for 50 participants. They created cheesy summer sausage, Bavarian style brats and Italian sausage.


Young: Reported that she has been working on meeting the dairy and livestock farmers and businesses in the county. She has given introduction interviews for local news papers with Gloria Hafemeister, and the daily citizen, and radio WBEV "Community Comment". She also reported about working on setting up a time to meet with the Columbia Co. Ag agent about reestablishing the Dodge/Columbia grazing network.

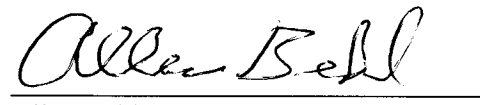
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, March 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeier, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman